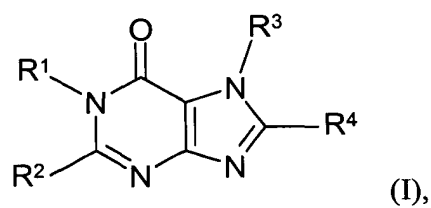


Abstract

5 The invention relates to new purine derivatives of general formula



wherein R¹ to R⁴ are defined as in the claims, the tautomers, the stereoisomers, the
10 mixtures, the prodrugs thereof and the salts thereof, particularly the physiologically
acceptable salts thereof with inorganic or organic acids or bases which have valuable
pharmacological properties, particularly an inhibiting effect on the activity of the enzyme
dipeptidylpeptidase-IV (DPP-IV), the preparation thereof, the use thereof for the
prevention or treatment of diseases or conditions associated with an increased DPP-IV
15 activity or capable of being prevented or alleviated by reducing the DPP-IV activity,
particularly type I or type II diabetes mellitus, the pharmaceutical compositions
containing a compound of general formula (I) or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof
as well as processes for the preparation thereof.